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SUBJECT: CEP: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCEPC MEETING SEPTEMBER
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FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE IN SUBJECT MEETING. COM-
MENTS ARE KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS LISTED IN REFDOD.

I. DECISION SHEETS (DS/96 AND DS/98) ARE ACCEPTABLE.

II. WP/96 CAN BE APPROVED IF CHANGES ARE MADE AS FOLLOWS.

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A. PARA 5: THIS PARAGRAPH STATES THAT "IT IS UNNEC-

ESSARY TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY OR PROVIDE FOR, SPECIFIC OR WAR SITUATIONS WHICH MIGHT ARISE." WE FEEL THIS PHRASE MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED BY SOME TO MEAN THAT NO CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS NEEDED AT ALL. SINCE THE US NOTED SOME RESISTANCE BY OTHER MEMBER NATIONS TO BROADENING THE ROLE OF THE NCWA'S AND TO IMPROVING THE CAPABILITY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO RESPOND TO COUNCIL'S DIRECTION, GUIDANCE TO THE PB AND CS AND TO HOST NATIONS MUST AVOID THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS PHRASE COULD BE SO INTERPRETED.

DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING THE CAPABILITY WITHIN EACH NCWA TO RESPOND TO A WIDE RANGE OF CONTINGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENT WITHIN EACH NCWA WHICH COULD RESPOND TO SPECIFIC TYPE CRISES. FURTHER, THIS EXAMINATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TOWARDS REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORTING STAFF, SINCE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TYPE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED. AS A FOLLOW-ON, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SEEK TO INQUIRE INTO THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING TO USE AC/98-D/646 SINCE IT APPEARS THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS OF LIMITED VALUE IN ITS PRESENT FORM TO SUPPORT THE WIDE RANGE CONTINGENCY PLAN NOW NEEDED BY NCWAS.

B. PARA 7: THE FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ, "PLANNING BOARDS AND. . .THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EACH NCWA, TO INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OR REVISION OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL. . . OF C-M(71)17. FYI. WE ARE PLANNING TO CIRCULATE PAPERS IN ALL PB AND CS IN WHICH WE PROPOSE UPDATED TORS FOR THE RESPECTIVE NCWAS. PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER REINFORCED SCEPC MEETING, WE WILL CIRCULATE A US NOTE IN WHICH WE DETAIL OUR OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA. OUR GOAL IS TO PROD THE PB AND CS TO PROVIDE THE JUNE 1975 SCEPC PLENARY WITH REVISED TORS FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. END FYI.

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C. PARA 9: SUB-PARA (B) IS UNCLEAR AND NEEDS CLARIFICATION.

III. THIS ITEM CONCERNS THE PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE NCWA'S UNDER THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS CONCEPT. (THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS PLAN IS DEFINED AS THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NICS,

APPROX 1979-1980.)

THE ONLY ACTION PORTION OF THIS ITEM IS FOR NCWA'S TO NOTIFY SHAPE OF THE EXACT ADDRESS FOR SHIPMENT OF THE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT. THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAVE COMPLETED THIS ACTION FOR THE U.S. BASED NCWA'S.

THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO SCEPC CAN REPORT THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY NATO DOCUMENT JVDA(74)13 OF MAY 6, 1974, CONTAINED IN AC/98-D/711 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO SHAPE.

IV. A. YOU MAY APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 18 OF D/714.

B. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT IN VIEW OF THE DEFICIENCIES NOTED IN SUBPARA 2, PARA 18 OF D/714, IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO INITIATE QUARTERLY ACTIVATION OF CIRCUITS AND TEST MESSAGE EXERCISES BETWEEN NCWAS TO IMPROVE MESSAGE HANDLING CAPABILITIES. IN ADDITION WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF TRAINING COMCENTER STAFF.

V. YOU MAY AGREE TO PARA 12 OF D/713.

VI. YOU MAY AGREE TO PARA 7 OF D/712.

VII. YOU MAY AGREE TO PARA 7 OF D/715.

VIII. YOU MAY AGREE TO PARA 12 OF D/716.

IX. YOU MAY CONCUR IN THE REPORT (D/717), EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT AGREE WITH THE CHAIRMEN'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF ANCILLARY PERSONNEL DESIGNATED FOR DUTIES WITH THE NCWA AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 5(B), AC/98-D/717. WHILE IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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ESSENTIAL THAT COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL BE APPROPRIATELY TRAINED, IT IS THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE TRAINING OF OTHER PERSONNEL CAN BE BETTER ACCOMPLISHED AT THE TIME THE NCWA IS BROUGHT INTO OPERATION. FYI. WITH THE INCREASED COSTS OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NCWA TRAINING RECOGNIZED, AS STATED IN AC/98-D/704, IT SEEMS IMPRUDENT TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE TRAINING OF ANCILLARY PERSONNEL WHEN SUCH FUNDS COULD BE USED TO TRAIN SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL. ADDITIONALLY, WITH THE TURN-OVER IN SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO FILL THESE POSITIONS, WHICH CAN BE LOGICALLY EXPECTED, IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE TO INVEST FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. FURTHER, THE UNITED STATES' POSITION CONCERNING THESE ORGANIZATIONS IS THAT THEY ARE ADMINI-

STRATIVELY TOP HEAVY AND SHOULD BE EXAMINED TO DETER-
MINE WHERE SUPPORT PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS CAN BE MADE.
END FYI.

X. NOT APPLICABLE TO THE U.S. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO PARA. 8 OF D/710.

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